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5 April 1960

Mr. Edmund T. Salkevich

Dear Mr. Salkevich:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of
31 March 1960 addressed to Mr. Dulles. The views you
expressed therein were read with interest.

In reply to your request for advice as to whether
such information should be made public with reference to
the play and the book you have written, it is regretted that
Agency would not furnish any advice or make any recommendation
on this subject.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Assistant to the Director

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Mr. Allen Dulles
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:
            I have given considerable thought to the ideo-
logical conflict which we are currently calling the "cold war".
Apparently, the conflict seems to be the ideas of capitalism
versus communism and socialism. I would like to offer you these
thoughts for your consideration:

     My belief is that the capitalism and imperialism as Marx
envisioned it actually ended before Marx was born. My reason
for making that statement is that historically capitalists seem
to have been (1) a small group (nobility and/or industrialists)
(2) who controlled a country's government (3) and controlled a
country's wealth and (4) the small group had the political and
economic power to use a country's army to subdue the less developed
nations of Africa, Asia, and South America, hence capitalists
became imperialists. Since the wealth that was controlled by
capitalists was logically inherited in family lines and titles
of nobility were given to the wealthy, the capitalists, in effect,
had a political, economic, and social monopoly in the European
countries.

Our forefathers who established our political, economic, and social system came from capitalistic and imperialistic countries of Europe. It seems that when they aimed "to form a more perfect union" that they aimed to destroy the political, economic, and social monopolies that the capitalistic and imperialistic classes of Europe enjoyed. Logically, democracy gives control of the government to the people, and the people retain complete control by the vote, impeachment, or executive removal. Free enterprise gives the people the control of the wealth by guaranteeing the right of freedom to invent, to hold patents, and make contracts. Congress and the courts control social policies and all authority there is subject to the people by vote or impeachment.

The ideas such as communism, socialism, fascism, Nazism, and land reform(?) and the like only substitute the powers of capitalists and imperialists (control of the government and the wealth) to the totalitarians. Democarcy and free enterprise in combination cure the capitalistic monopolies and are really an/improvement and advancement over old-fashioned capitalism and/substitutes for capitalism.
    totalitarian

In the past two years I have written a play entitled Rich Communist, Poor Russians and a book (anti-socialism) entitled TOO CLOSE TO TYRANNY. Neither of the works was of literary quality for publication. I have spent considerable time wondering if it would be in our nation's best interest to have information such as the above made public. I sincerely would appreciate your advise on the matter.

Respectfully yours,

Edmund T. Sulkevich
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